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SUBJECT: INFORMAL COMMITTEE I CONSULTATIONS - GROUP OF
FIVE MEETING

1. GROUP OF FIVE MET TO BEGIN REVIEW OF REVISED AMENDMENTS
PAPER PREPARED BY U.S. AND TO COORDINATE TACTICS FOR INTER-
SESSIONAL WORK.

2. U.S. COMMITTEE I REP (TARINER) OPENED MEETING WITH BRIEF-
ING FRO GROUP OF IVE ON CONSULTATIONS WITH ENGO DURING OCTOBER
ND WITH COMMITTEE I LEADERSHIP IN NY FOR INTERSESSIONAL MEET-
INGS. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD INFORMED BRAZIL (THOMPSON-FLORES)
AND PERU (DE SOTO) THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE
GROUP OF 13 AS A NEGOTIATING FORUM AND WISHED THE GROUP TO BE
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE 5 OR 6 MORE MODERATE COUNTRIES. HE REPORTED
THAT BRAZIL (THOMPSON-FLORES) INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MEET IN
"SUPER-SECRET" MEETINGS OF GROUP OF 13, WHICH COULD BE EXPANDED
BUT THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD ONLY BE PREPARATORY FOR GROUP OF
77 MEETING IN JANUARY. U.S. REP NOTED THAT VRAZIL, TANZANIA
AND PERU ALL INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY IN
YAOUNDE AFTER THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING BUT NOT DURING
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PERSENT NY MEETINGS.

3. GROUP OF FIVE AGREED AS A MATTER OF TACTICS TO MAKE ONLY GENERAL STATEMENTS CRITICIZING MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, EXPLAINING PROBLEMS WITH IT, AND MAKING GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE POSITIONS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE.

4. GROUP OF FIVE BEGAN DISCUSSIONS ON ARTICLES 9 AND 30. SOVIETS INDICATED FLAT UNACCEPTABILITY FOR REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND SINCE THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE FUND. FURTHERMORE, THEY INDICATED THEY HAD SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH U.S. VERSION OF 9(2)-(B) AS IT REFERS TO POSSIBLE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS. THEY DID NOT ELABORATE ON THEIR REASONS. THE UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN ALL INDICATED THAT GROUP OF FIVE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER AT LEAST THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS.

5. UK, FRENCH AND JAPANESE GAVE GENERAL SUPPORT TO REDRAFT OF ARTICLE 9 ALTHOUGH UK STILL PREFERS USING CERTAIN LANGUAGE FROM SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT IN PARA. 2(B). UK NOTED THAT RESTRICTIVENESS OF LANGUAGE COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITHIN EC. GROUP AGREED THAT DELEGATIONS COULD SHOW DRAFT LANGUAGE TO MEMBERS OF EC ON INFORMAL BASIS AND WOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THESE CONSULTATIONS.

6. UK RAISED ISSUE IN ARTICLE 9 AND IN 30(4) WHETHER ANY STATE PARTY OR ONLY A DEVELOPING STATE PARTY WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING COMPLAINTS BEFORE ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMISSION. JAPANESE AND SOVIETS GAVE SOME SUPPORT TO FORMER APPROACH. MOST DELEGATIONS STRESSED THAT THEIR DESIRE TO OMIT REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS MAINLY COSMETIC AND DID NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT THEY EXPECTED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO BENEFIT FROM ARTICLES 9 AND 30.

7. GROUP OF FIVE IN SOME DIFFCULTY BECAUSE ROMANOV ABSENT AND HIS REPLACEMENT HAS NO BACKGROUND IN COMMITTEE I AND DOES NOT SEEM FAMILIAR WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED IN GROUP OF FIVE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
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